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Codes and Standards

All counties and cities in the Commonwealth of Virginia use the 2006 Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code (VUSBC), which went into effect on May 1, 2008.

The VUSBC references the 2006 International Residential Code (IRC) as the official residential building code for Virginia. In turn, the 2006 IRC references the 2005 National Electrical Code (NEC) for all electrical issues. Some residential issues NOT addressed in the International Residential Code (IRC) will have to be constructed under the applicable International Building Code reference, approved referenced standard or Stafford County policy for the proposed work. Stafford County policies are not created to supercede the above referenced codes, but are intended to clarify and illustrate the existing adopted model codes.




Note:

1. These codes are the minimum allowable standards, and the homeowner or contractor may build to higher performance standards.
2. While all municipalities abide by the same codes, the requirements in one jurisdiction may differ from those requirements in another municipality (example: the wind conditions in coastal localities are different than here in the Stafford area, and would likely mandate different wall bracing requirements).
3. Within these references there are many referenced standards that may only be available for purchase.

The state of Virginia has coordinated with the International Code Council (ICC) to create a combined book with both the 2006 Virginia Construction Code changes with the 2006 IRC entitled 2006 Virginia Residential Code (VRC). The VRC can be purchased from the International Code Council by phone at (888) 786-4452.

Notice: There may be more current years available of




the IRC, specify the 2006 VRC edition.

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